

serving in a fellowship under the Program in the office of a Senator shall not be included in the determination of the aggregate gross compensation for employees employed by the Senator under section 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968 (20 U.S.C. 4575(d)(1)).

SENATE RESOLUTION 443—ESTABLISHING THE MCCAIN-MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM FOR THE SENATE, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Mr. MCCONNELL (for Mr. ROUNDS (for himself, Ms. SINEMA, Mr. COTTON, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. COONS, Mr. KELLY, Mr. KING, Mr. PETERS, Ms. ROSEN, Mr. PORTMAN, Mr. BRAUN, and Mr. DAINES)) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 443

Resolved,

SECTION 1. MCCAIN-MANSFIELD FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM.

(a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section—

(1) the term “eligible individual” means an individual who meets the eligibility criteria established under subsection (d)(1)(A);

(2) the term “Program” means the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program established under subsection (b); and

(3) the term “Sergeant at Arms” means the Sergeant at Arms and Doorkeeper of the Senate.

(b) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than December 31, 2023, and subject to the availability of appropriations, the Sergeant at Arms shall establish a fellowship program to be known as the McCain-Mansfield Fellowship Program for wounded or disabled veterans.

(c) FELLOWSHIPS.—Under the Program, an eligible individual may serve a 24-month fellowship in the office of a Senator.

(d) ADMINISTRATION.—

(1) IN GENERAL.—The Committee on Rules and Administration of the Senate shall promulgate regulations for the administration of the Program, including establishing the criteria for—

(A) eligibility to participate in a fellowship under the Program; and

(B) a method of prioritizing the assignment of fellowships to the offices of Senators under the Program, if the amount made available to carry out the Program for a fiscal year is not enough to provide fellowships in all offices requesting to participate in the Program for such fiscal year.

(2) PLACEMENT.—An eligible individual may serve in a fellowship under the Program at the office of a Senator in the District of Columbia or at a State office of the Senator.

(3) AUTHORITY FOR AGREEMENT.—The Sergeant at Arms may enter into an agreement with the Chief Administrative Officer of the House of Representatives for the joint operation of the Program, the Congressional Gold Star Family Fellowship Program established under House Resolution 107, 116th Congress, agreed to October 29, 2019, and the Wounded Warrior Fellowship Program carried out by the Chief Administrative Officer.

(e) EXCLUSION OF APPOINTEES FOR PURPOSES OF COMPENSATION LIMITS.—The compensation paid to any eligible individual serving in a fellowship under the Program in the office of a Senator shall not be included in the determination of the aggregate gross compensation for employees employed by the Senator under section 105(d)(1) of the Legislative Branch Appropriation Act, 1968 (20 U.S.C. 4575(d)(1)).

SENATE RESOLUTION 444—EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE DESIGNATION OF “PUBLIC RADIO MUSIC DAY” AND DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE ROLE OF PUBLIC RADIO MUSIC STATIONS IN SERVING LISTENERS, MUSICIANS, AND HUNDREDS OF COMMUNITIES IN THE UNITED STATES

Mr. BLUNT (for himself and Mr. COONS) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 444

Whereas more than 25,000,000 listeners in the United States tune in weekly to local noncommercial radio stations to discover, learn about, and enjoy music selections, artists, and genres that are, in many cases, available only on public radio;

Whereas approximately 691 public radio music stations serve rural and urban communities in all 50 States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam;

Whereas local public radio music stations celebrate a broad collection of sounds and styles, including jazz, blues, classical, Americana, alternative, folk, roots, bluegrass, and other regional and eclectic genres;

Whereas 96 percent of over-the-air broadcasts of classical music in the United States comes from local public radio stations;

Whereas local, noncommercial, not-for-profit, public radio music stations are an essential and indispensable force in—

- (1) developing artists and audiences;
- (2) sustaining music and performers; and
- (3) educating and enriching their communities;

Whereas local public radio music stations are locally staffed and programmed and share core values of music discovery, curation, preservation, and performance with their communities;

Whereas knowledgeable local hosts, live announcers, and expert curation on public radio music stations have a proven track record of—

- (1) helping audiences discover new and emerging musicians; and
- (2) providing deep explorations into the history and cultural impact of music;

Whereas public radio music stations—

- (1) tailor their content and programming to reflect regional tastes and talent;
- (2) make music more accessible through local performances, studio sessions, artist interviews, and music journalism; and
- (3) broadcast news and information about the local music industry;

Whereas public radio music stations connect musicians and artists with local audiences through an expanding range of platforms, including over-the-air, on-stage, and digital and social media;

Whereas the emphasis of public radio music stations on music presentation enables new, emerging, and essential artists to build deep and lasting relationships with audiences, adding to the journey of lifelong music enjoyment;

Whereas public radio music stations serve as cultural hubs in their communities by providing a place for listeners of diverse backgrounds and ages to come together for the shared thrill of music and to support the local music economy;

Whereas local public radio stations partner with schools, hospitals, and other community organizations to provide instruments and musical experiences to underserved populations and promote broad access to music for the public;

Whereas, throughout the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, public radio

stations have confronted significant challenges in protecting the health of station employees and maintaining broadcast operations while continuing to provide audiences with high-quality music from local artists and musicians;

Whereas, during the COVID-19 pandemic, public radio music stations have endeavored to support the well-being of communities through the unifying power of music, including by maintaining connections with artists through in-home concerts and other specialized programming;

Whereas the demonstrated commitment of public radio music stations to community service, education, and cultural support separates nonprofit local public radio stations from other music providers; and

Whereas, November 10, 2021, would be an appropriate day to designate as “Public Radio Music Day”; Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) supports the designation of “Public Radio Music Day”; and

(2) expresses its deep appreciation for the role of public radio music stations, particularly during the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, in serving listeners, musicians, and hundreds of communities in the United States.

SENATE RESOLUTION 445—CONGRATULATING THE ATLANTA BRAVES FOR WINNING THE 2021 MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL WORLD SERIES AND HONORING THE LIFE OF HENRY LOUIS AARON

Mr. OSSOFF (for himself and Mr. WARNOCK) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 445

Whereas, on November 2, 2021, the Atlanta Braves (referred to in this preamble as the “Braves”) defeated the American League Champions, the Houston Astros, by 4 games to 2 to win the 2021 Major League Baseball World Series in 6 games;

Whereas this victory marks the fourth Major League Baseball World Series championship for the Braves franchise and their first Major League Baseball World Series championship since 1955;

Whereas, in overcoming Ronald Acuña, Jr.’s heartbreaking knee injury in July 2021 to win a Major League Baseball World Series championship, the Braves demonstrated resilience, perseverance, and grit;

Whereas, during the 2021 playoffs, the Braves defeated the Los Angeles Dodgers and the Milwaukee Brewers to make their first Major League Baseball World Series appearance in 22 years;

Whereas the Braves were considered underdogs against the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 2021 National League Championship Series, but the Braves still prevailed through heart and athleticism;

Whereas Eddie Rosario was named Most Valuable Player of the 2021 National League Championship Series;

Whereas the Braves have won 4 consecutive National League East division titles;

Whereas the Braves exhibited outstanding skill and ability to attain an 88-73 record in the 2021 Major League Baseball season;

Whereas the Braves recognized baseball legends Hank Aaron and Phil Niekro during the 2021 Major League Baseball season;

Whereas, during Hank Aaron Weekend from July 30 to August 1, 2021, fans of the Braves and members of the Atlanta community honored the legacy of Hall of Fame

member Henry Louis Aaron, who set records and achieved career highlights while bravely facing racism during his career;

Whereas General Manager and President of Baseball Operations of the Braves, Alex Anthopoulos, and the front office and the supporting staff of the Braves navigated an exemplary season and made tremendous decisions to assemble the 2021 World Series Champions;

Whereas Manager of the Braves, Brian Snitker, and the coaching staff, clubhouse, and the supporting staff of the Braves managed the 2021 Major League Baseball season, invested in their players, and should be congratulated;

Whereas the Houston Astros displayed teamwork, competitive spirit, and sportsmanship in the 2021 Major League Baseball World Series as they faced the Braves;

Whereas the entire roster for the Braves of the 2021 season proved to be instrumental in the victory and included—

- (1) Ian Anderson;
- (2) Jesse Chavez;
- (3) Tucker Davidson;
- (4) Grant Dayton;
- (5) Jasseel De La Cruz;
- (6) Max Fried;
- (7) Luke Jackson;
- (8) Dylan Lee;
- (9) Yoan López;
- (10) Chris Martin;
- (11) Tyler Matzek;
- (12) A.J. Minter;
- (13) Charlie Morton;
- (14) Kyle Muller;
- (15) Sean Newcomb;
- (16) Richard Rodríguez;
- (17) Will Smith;
- (18) Drew Smyly;
- (19) Mike Soroka;
- (20) Spencer Strider;
- (21) Josh Tomlin;
- (22) Touki Toussaint;
- (23) Jacob Webb;
- (24) Kyle Wright;
- (25) Huascar Ynoa;
- (26) William Contreras;
- (27) Travis d'Arnaud;
- (28) Chadwick Tromp;
- (29) Ozzie Albies;
- (30) Orlando Arcia;
- (31) Johan Camargo;
- (32) Freddie Freeman;
- (33) Austin Riley;
- (34) Dansby Swanson;
- (35) Ronald Acuña Jr.;
- (36) Ehire Adrianza;
- (37) Adam Duvall;
- (38) Terrance Gore;
- (39) Guillermo Heredia;
- (40) Cristian Pache;
- (41) Joc Pederson;
- (42) Eddie Rosario; and
- (43) Jorge Soler;

Whereas Jorge Soler was named Most Valuable Player for the 2021 Major League Baseball World Series;

Whereas the Braves have inspired the people of the city of Atlanta, Cobb County, and Georgia and Braves fans across the United States;

Whereas the people of the city of Atlanta, Cobb County, and Georgia and Braves fans everywhere are—

- (1) proud of the Braves organization;
- (2) thankful for the hard work, dedication, and teamwork of the Braves during the 2021 season; and
- (3) thankful to the Braves for bringing another World Series victory to the city of Atlanta; and

Whereas fans of the Braves demonstrated true passion and dedication in supporting their team throughout the 2021 Major League Baseball season: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the Atlanta Braves on winning the 2021 Major League Baseball World Series;

(2) honors the life and legacy of Henry Louis Aaron;

(3) recognizes the achievements, contributions, and dedication of the players, coaches, management, and support staff of the Atlanta Braves;

(4) recognizes the hard work and commitment of the staff of Truist Park; and

(5) respectfully directs the Secretary of the Senate to transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) the Chairman of the Braves, Terry McGuirk;

(B) the President of Baseball Operations and General Manager of the Braves, Alex Anthopoulos; and

(C) the Manager of the Braves, Brian Snitker.

SENATE RESOLUTION 446—COMMENDING THE GOVERNMENT OF LITHUANIA FOR ITS RESOLVE IN INCREASING TIES WITH TAIWAN AND SUPPORTING ITS FIRM STANCE AGAINST COERCION BY THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY

Mr. RISCH (for himself and Mrs. SHAHEEN) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

S. RES. 446

Whereas, on May 20, 2021, the parliament of Lithuania passed a resolution in which it recognized the People's Republic of China's treatment of the Uyghurs and members of Muslim and minority communities in Xinjiang region as a genocide, called upon the United Nations to investigate the People's Republic of China's internment camps for Uyghurs, and asked the European Commission to review its relationship with the People's Republic of China;

Whereas, on May 21, 2021, Lithuania withdrew from the 17+1 format that facilitates collaboration between Central and Eastern European nations and the People's Republic of China;

Whereas the 17+1 was designed by the Chinese Communist Party (CCP) to both create business and cultural exchange opportunities for the People's Republic of China, and to divide European nations on sub-regional issues regarding the People's Republic of China;

Whereas, on June 22, 2021, the Government of Lithuania announced its donation of 20,000 COVID-19 vaccines to Taiwan after the People's Republic of China blocked Taiwan from participation in the world-wide COVAX vaccine sharing scheme;

Whereas, on July 20, 2021, the Government of Lithuania announced the establishment of exchange offices with Taiwan under the name of the Taiwanese Representative Office;

Whereas the CCP has aggressively punished other organizations and nations for using the name "Taiwan" to refer to the island, rather than referring to it by the CCP preferred "Chinese Taipei", a practice by which the CCP seeks to force other nations to conform to its view that Taiwan is a part of China;

Whereas, in retaliation to the Government of Lithuania's announcement of the Taiwanese Representative Office, the CCP implemented severe economic restrictions on Lithuania;

Whereas, on August 10, 2021, the Government of the People's Republic of China pro-

tested the announcement of the new Lithuanian office in Taiwan by recalling its ambassador to Vilnius, and demanding that Lithuania remove its ambassador from Beijing;

Whereas, on September 4, 2021, Lithuania's Ambassador to China, Diana Mickeviciene, returned to Vilnius;

Whereas Lithuania's European neighbors and European Union (EU) leaders have commended Lithuania's bravery and have expressed willingness to stand in solidarity with Lithuania's decision, including by issuing a joint letter from European Parliament members on September 3, 2021;

Whereas, on September 15, 2021, Secretary of State Antony Blinken reaffirmed the United States commitment to Lithuania, stating, "Lithuania and the United States are very strong partners in NATO. We stand together for collective defense and security. We stand against economic coercion, including that being exerted by China.";

Whereas, on September 21, 2021, the Ministry of National Defence in Lithuania recommended that citizens not purchase phones manufactured in the People's Republic of China and throw away their existing phones, after evidence emerged that the devices have censorship technology built in;

Whereas, on September 22, 2021, the Government of Lithuania announced an additional vaccine donation to Taiwan totaling 235,900 doses;

Whereas the People's Republic of China has engaged in economic coercion to punish countries that do not do as the CCP wishes, including by banning the import of Australian wine and agricultural products after the Government of Australia supported launching an international investigation into the origins of the COVID-19 pandemic, closing South Korean department stores and tourism after the Republic of Korea deployed the United States Terminal High Altitude Area Defense missile battery, restricting imports from the Philippines after that nation protested the People's Republic of China's assertive and unlawful actions in Scarborough Shoal, and cutting the imports of Norwegian salmon after Norway awarded a Chinese dissident with the Nobel Prize;

Whereas the CCP regularly uses its economic power to pressure Taiwan's diplomatic allies to cut ties with the island and instead diplomatically recognize the People's Republic of China, as was it did most recently with the Solomon Islands and Kiribati, leaving Taiwan with just 15 diplomatic allies; and

Whereas the CCP has repeatedly and continuously barred Taiwan from meaningful participation in key international organizations such as the World Health Organization, International Civil Aviation Organization, and other United Nations organizations and affiliated mechanisms in an attempt to diplomatically isolate Taiwan: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate—

(1) commends the Government of Lithuania for its decision to deepen ties with Taiwan and standing up to the Chinese Communist Party's unfair coercion and pressure;

(2) commits to supporting Lithuania and Taiwan in the face of these challenges, including by exploring ways to increase economic cooperation with both countries;

(3) encourages European allies to continue to stand in solidarity with Lithuania against aggression from the Government of the People's Republic of China;

(4) encourages the Lithuanian business community to continue to seek opportunities for investment and growth with reliable partners outside of the People's Republic of China's abusive economic system;

(5) expresses concern with the CCP's aggressive actions and attempts to influence